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1. ON JANUARY 20 THE FRG DEFENSE MINISTRY (COL.
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HANSEN OF THE OFFICE OF POLITICAL/MILITARY AFFAIRS)
AGREED THAT THE FOLLOWING ANSWER MAY BE GIVEN TO ANY
QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC MEDIA ON WHERE THE A-10
AIRCRAFT WOULD BE DEPLOYED OUTSIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM:
"THE A-10 AIRCRAFT WILL BE DEPLOYED ON A REGULAR BASIS
TO OTHER LOCATIONS IN CONTINENTAL EUROPE. THE CONCEPT
IS STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGE AND THE EXACT LOCATIONS

WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE." (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE INSERTION OF ARTICLES, THIS LANGUAGE IS IDENTICAL TO THAT PROPOSED IN PARA 3 OF REF C.) HANSEN AGREED TO THIS WORDING ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL BE THE ONLY AUTHORIZED ANSWER TO QUESTIONS.

2. HANSEN AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED ONLY "IN PRINCIPLE TO THE CONCEPT" OF A-10 BASING IN GERMANY (REF D). HE THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE A-10 BASING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM NOT MENTION GERMANY AND BE SO WORDED AS NOT TO PREJUDGE OR ANTICIPATE WHAT ACTIONS THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE OR WHAT POSITION ON A-10 BASING IT WILL ULTIMATELY ASSUME.

3. THE EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A-10 BASING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WOULD BE ALONG THE LINES OF THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE IN PARA 3 OF REF A, AND WE SEE NO PROBLEM WITH THIS TEXT. HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE FINALLY APPROVED TEXT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT BEFORE IT IS RELEASED.
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